§ 25.115

(iii) For 1.6/2.4 GHz Mobile-Satellite Service space stations, the feeder link frequencies requested for the satellite, together with the demonstration re-

quired by §25.203 (j) and (k);

(7) Predicted space station antenna gain contour(s) for each transmit and each receive antenna beam and nominal orbital location requested. These contour(s) should be plotted on an area map at 2 dB intervals down to 10 dB below the peak value of the parameter and at 5 dB intervals between 10 dB and 20 dB below the peak values, with the peak value and sense of polarization clearly specified on each plotted contour:

- (8) A description of the types of services to be provided, and the areas to be served, including a description of the transmission characteristics and performance objectives for each type of proposed service, details of the link noise budget, typical or baseline earth station parameters, modulation parameters, and overall link performance analysis (including an analysis of the effects of each contributing noise and interference source);
- (9) For satellites in geostationarysatellite orbit, accuracy with which the orbital inclination, the antenna axis attitude, and longitudinal drift will be maintained;
- (10) Calculation of power flux density levels within each coverage area and of the energy dispersal, if any, needed for compliance with §25.208;
- (11) Arrangement for tracking, telemetry, and control;
- (12) Physical characteristics of the space station including weight and dimensions of spacecraft, detailed mass (on ground and in-orbit) and power (beginning and end of life) budgets, and estimated operational lifetime and reliability of the space station and the basis for that estimate;
- (13) Detailed information demonstrating the financial qualifications of the applicant to construct and launch the proposed satellites. Applications shall provide the financial information required by §25.140 (b) through (e), §25.142(a)(4), or §25.143(b)(3), as appropriate;
- (14) A clear and detailed statement of whether the space station is to be operated on a common carrier basis, or

whether non-common carrier transactions are proposed. If non-common carrier transactions are proposed, describe the nature of the transactions and specify the number of transponders to be offered on a non-common carrier basis;

(15) Dates by which construction will be commenced and completed, launch date, and estimated date of placement into service;

(16) Public interest considerations in

support of grant;

- (17) Applications for authorizations for domestic fixed-satellite space stations shall also include the information specified in §25.140;
- (18) Applications for authorizations in the Radiodetermination Satellite Service shall also include the information specified in §25.141;
- (19) Applications for authorizations in the Mobile-Satellite Service in the 1545–1559/1646.5–1660.5 MHz frequency bands shall also provide all information necessary to comply with the policies and procedures set forth in Rules and Policies Pertaining to the Use of Radio Frequencies in a Land Mobile Satellite Service, 2 FCC Rcd 485 (1987) (Available at address in §0.445 of this chapter.);
- (20) Applications to license multiple space station systems in the non-voice, non-geostationary mobile-satellite service under blanket operating authority shall also provide all information specified in §25.142; and
- (21) Applications for authorizations in the 1.6/2.4 GHz Mobile-Satellite Service shall also provide all information specified in §25.143.
- (d) Applicants requesting authority to launch and operate a system comprised of technically identical, nongeostationary satellite orbit space stations may file a single "blanket" application containing the information specified in paragraph (c) of this section for each representative space station.

[62 FR 5927, Feb. 10, 1997]

§25.115 Application for earth station authorizations.

(a) Transmitting earth stations. Except as provided under §25.113(b), Commission authorization must be obtained for authority to construct and/

or operate a transmitting earth station. Applications shall be filed on FCC Form 312, Main Form and Schedule B, and include the information specified in §25.130.

- (b) Receive-only earth stations. Applications to license or register receive only earth stations shall be filed on FCC Form 312, Main Form and Schedule B, and conform to the provisions of §25.131.
- (c) Large Networks of Small Antennas operating in the 12/14 GHz frequency bands with U.S.-licensed or non-U.S. licensed satellites for domestic services. Applications to license small antenna network systems operating in the 12/14 GHz frequency band under blanket operating authority shall be filed on FCC Form 312, Main Form and Schedule B, for each large (5 meters or larger) hub station, and Schedule B for each representative type of small antenna (less than 5 meters) operating within the network.
- (d) User transceivers in the NVNG and 1.6/2.4 GHz Mobile-Satellite Service need not be individually licensed. Service vendors may file blanket applications for transceivers units using FCC Form 312, Main Form and Schedule B, and specifying the number of units to be covered by the blanket license. Each application for a blanket license under this section shall include the information described in § 25.135.

[62 FR 5928, Feb. 10, 1997, as amended at 62 FR 64172, Dec. 4, 1997]

§25.116 Amendments to applications.

- (a) Unless otherwise specified, any pending application may be amended until designated for hearing, a public notice is issued stating that a substantive disposition of the application is to be considered at a forthcoming Commission meeting, or a final order disposing of the matter is adopted by the Commission.
- (b) Major amendments submitted pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section are subject to the public notice requirements of §25.151. An amendment will be deemed to be a major amendment under the following circumstances:
- (1) If the amendment increases the potential for interference, or changes

the proposed frequencies or orbital locations to be used.

- (2) If the amendment would convert the proposal into an action that may have a significant environmental effect under §1.1307 of this chapter.
- (3) If the amendment specifies a substantial change in beneficial ownership or control (*de jure* or *de facto*) of an applicant such that the change would require, in the case of an authorized station, the filing of a prior assignment or transfer of control application under section 310(d) of the Communications Act, provided however, that the change would not be considered major where it merely amends an application to reflect a change in ownership or control of the station that had been previously approved by the Commission.
- (4) If the amendment, or the cumulative effect of the amendment, is determined by the Commission otherwise to be substantial pursuant to section 309 of the Communications Act.
- (c) Any application will be considered to be a newly filed application if it is amended by a major amendment (as defined by paragraph (b) of this section) after a "cut-off" date applicable to the application, except under the following circumstances:
- (1) The amendment resolves frequency conflicts with authorized stations or other pending applications but does not create new or increased frequency conflicts;
- (2) The amendment reflects only a change in ownership or control found by the Commission to be in the public interest and, for which a requested exemption from a "cut-off" date is granted:
- (3) The amendment corrects typographical, transcription, or similar clerical errors which are clearly demonstrated to be mistakes by reference to other parts of the application, and whose discovery does not create new or increased frequency conflicts; or
- (4) The amendment does not create new or increased frequency conflicts, and is demonstrably necessitated by events which the applicant could not have reasonably foreseen at the time of filing.
- (d) Any amendment to an application shall be signed and submitted in the